

PAY INCREASE EFFECTS

Naturally this pay increase is important to you; it means more "take-home" pay which you can certainly put to good use. It is also important to the company as it means a substantial increase in production costs which we cannot add to the sale price of the products we sell in this highly competitive field.

During the past ten years the cost of timber, equipment, labor, maintenance, supplies and taxes has risen sharply . . . yet the sale price of lumber and plywood has gone DOWN.

It does not take a financial analysis to determine this condition requires a

remedy.

The answer is improved production and production methods by equipment and practices which will help reduce production costs.

The help and cooperation of every employee to reduce waste, improve production, and cut cost is vital to the economic well being of your company.

Your company must make a profit to stay in business and this profit goes to insure your jobs in the future operations of manufacturing forest products. We can and must work together to make our company successful and competitive.

Grandads Contest

On July 26th this year, Jerry Fellows became a grandfather for the first time when a 6 lb. 3 oz. granddaughter was born.

But, his twin brother, John Fellows who is on a trimmer in the planer mill became a grandfather for the 12th time on July 28th when an 8 lb. 2 oz. grandson was born.

Isn't that a little sneaky boys, leaving your contest work all on the shoulders of the children.

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Sign in watch repair shop . . . WE FIX SICK TICKS.

This is only a part of the cold deck which assures continued operation this winter for the plywood plant and sawmill regardless of what the weather does. As mentioned in another story, "FALL & WINTER PLANS", the woods will continue to work at bringing in logs as much as practical but this supply of logs will insure operation if the weather goes on an extended rampage.



PLYWOOD & LUMBER MARKET

Both lumber and plywood made some very sharp price increases during the recent strike in the industry. This was due because of buyers bidding for the limited supply of available lumber and plywood during the strike period.

However, with termination of the strike and adequate supply becoming available, in some cases a surplus, the prices dropped overnight to pre-strike levels and in some instances went even lower.

Inventories over the nation are not heavy and the demand for our products is fair. Price adjustments are taking place daily with not much change in the general level. We can foresee no major change through the balance of this year.

All in all, with demand holding fair and prices low but not expected to drop further . . . the general outlook could be considered just FAIR.



A GOOD LETTER

This letter was written to one of our U.S. Congressmen recently:
Dear Congressman:

I hate to tell you my troubles, but I have tried everything else I know. I feel that only you can help me now.

I have a dependent relative staying with me who has very little fiscal responsibility. He is very good-natured and means well, but a little stupid. He keeps buying presents for my wife and me and our children. He always charges these presents to my account. When he sees something he thinks we need, he buys it!

Most of these things are not needed and in very few cases are they what we would have selected to fit our specific needs.

Because he doesn't work for a living, money doesn't mean anything to him. He will buy the first thing he sees instead of shopping around as I would do to save money or get a better product.

He is very generous to the poor and needy, but more often he gives to those not deserving who feed him a soft line.

I just received the bill for his last spending spree and it gives me a sick hopeless feeling. I keep thinking how much better off I would be if I could spend this money to buy the things most needed by myself and my family and give to those who I know are in need of help. Honestly, he does so much of my spending, I can't afford to give to charity anymore.

He won't listen to me but he will listen to you. Please use your influence to cut the spending habits of my Uncle Sam.

Sincerely,

(taxpayer)

FALL & WINTER PLANS

The cold deck at the Desert Pond is about five million feet under last year at this time. This will not have any effect on our winter operations as we have completed a lot of road work in the woods and will continue to log as long as it is practical. This means of course that at least part of the company woods operations will be working as much as possible this winter except during the most severe weather.

The cold deck will insure continued operation of the plants in event of an extreme and extended weather condition.

Everybody in the woods, lumber division and the plywood plant have had time off for hunting. During the recent shutdown for hunting season, several repairs were made in the plants which will enable us to have uninterrupted operation until the Christmas Holidays when it is expected the third week vacation shutdown will be made. All departments will shutdown on Thanksgiving Day as usual.



Making repairs to the monorail in this crew are Earl Jones, crane operator, Don Godley, Gene Center, Duane Hodgson and Max Gobel. We tried to get a picture with all the men included and gave up. By the time we got the

camera set, they were gone to another spot or after supplies. The crane is lifting out an old timber which will be replaced by a new one as are several other of the older timbers and braces.

NEW BABIES

Because of the lack of space in the last issue, we didn't list the new additions to some of the families.

Dave and Janet Johnson have a new little baby girl at their home. Her name is Diane and she arrived on September 18th. Her daddy works in the plywood plant on the day shift.

David and Dorothy Nienow added a boy to their family back in July on the 24th. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 7½ oz. and has been named David Matthew. He is their first child.



IN THE ARMY

Martin Lytle, son of Bill Lytle at Butte Falls, enlisted in the U. S. Army after his graduation from Butte Falls High School in June.

He went to Fort Ord, California on July 14th where he will be stationed for some time.



RETIREMENTS

We have two men retiring this month but due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to get their pictures and the information for the stories.

Next month we will have these pictures for you as well as a brief story on each man.



Rx PRESCRIPTIONS



"I'm not an alarmist, but I insist on cash!"

If you give some folks an inch they think they are rulers!



The reduction gear on the feeder for the lumber stacker gets a thorough cleaning and minor repairs by Bill Hodgson (hard hat) and Don Rist while the shutdown was in effect.



Repairs on the monorail were in full swing while the sawmill was closed down for hunting season. Here we see Tony Pierce driving the

Hyster, Mel Rose on the top girder, Dean Luehrs and Don Smith on the platform.

EQUIPMENT MOVES

Late this year the Washington Trak-loader will move to the log storage area at the Desert Pond and will be permanently located there to be used for log inventory control. It will probably not be operated continuously but will be used in conjunction with the Northwest 80D loader.

The Washington Trakloader will be replaced in the woods by a Caterpillar 977 Traxcavator front end loader. This new machine will make the side far more versatile and will make moving considerably faster and less costly. Also, the new machine fits into the program of selective logging practice readily.

No reduction of personnel is anticipated during normal operating periods because of this equipment change.

A new Caterpillar Model 12 Road Grader will soon replace the older Model 12 now in service. This new machine has more weight and more power and will be able to cover more road. These added features will enable the operator to do a better job in the same or less time than before. This is a part of the road maintenance program to extend the winter logging of the company operations.

DEER HUNTING

We can't seem to get any specific information from anybody about the deer hunting trips but we will give you little remarks we have heard about the plants.

... several deer were brought home by plywood plant workers, rumors of big 5 or 6 point bucks that dressed out over 200 lbs. were heard. Mike Oreskovic was seen carrying some bone splinters around and talking to himself in low tones which we take to mean he didn't get the buck.

... Ken Pickens said his group of 14 men came home with 12 deer which seems to be a pretty good score.

... Chuck Burgess has been showing a picture around the plywood plant of a big buck.

... we heard a story about Roland Hogue who supposedly let a buck get away after it was tied to a fence.

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CREDIT UNION NEWS

"I would like to know . . . do Credit Union members have any responsibilities other than using the Credit Union for their thrift and loan needs?"

Yes, in addition to saving at the Credit Union and borrowing from it when necessary, members also have several other important responsibilities.

Since the Credit Union is owned, controlled and operated by its members; let's hold better annual meetings with discussion on successful ideas that have been developed and used by Credit Union leaders. Members have an obligation to themselves and to their fellow members to exercise good judgment in electing directors and committeemen. Your officers and directors need the assistance and cooperation of every member in serving the membership.

If anyone has a question about the Credit Union, contact one of the officers or drop in at the office in the mill yard area. Office hours are daily 12 noon to 1 p.m. and on Monday and Thursday you can come in between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. after work.

UNION CONTRACTS

The I. W. A. contract covering the woods employees and the L. S. W. contract for the lumber department have both been signed on the industry-wide pattern.

Plywood plant employees have been given increases on this same pattern to conform with industry scales.

We hope this will provide for labor-management harmony for the foreseeable future.

A deaf woman entered the church with an ear trumpet. After she was seated the usher tiptoed over and whispered, "One toot and out you go".

WEDDING BELLS

August 22nd was a big day for Gerald Armstrong when he and Mary Louise Music were married at the Church of Brethern in Medford. Gerald is a graduate of Crater High and spent four years in the Air Force before going to work at Medco. Mary Louise graduated from Medford High.

After the wedding, they took a trip to Boise, Idaho, Salt Lake City, Utah and back via San Francisco.

On Saturday September 28th, Diana Dale Baucom and Raymond Hogue were married at the Methodist Church in Medford.

The bride was attended by Diana Bush and Diane Gillespie and the best man was Larry Little. Guests from Seattle, Portland and San Francisco came for the ceremony.

After the wedding, the couple took a trip to the coast for a few days before returning to Medford and getting their new home in shape.